

DS-156: Non-Immigrant Visa Application Form

Instructions

All visa applicants must complete the electronic DS-156 form online and print a hard copy (three pages) to bring to your interview. **The form must be filled out completely and printed prior to arriving at the Embassy. You must answer each question. For questions that are not applicable to you, write “N/A”.**

Box 1: Enter passport number including letters and excluding decimals, hyphens, etc. This number can be found on the biographical page of your passport.

Box 2: Name of city, country, and state/province where passport was issued.

Box 3: Enter the country named on the front of the passport.

Box 4: Enter the original issuance date of the passport found on the biographical page.

Box 5: Enter the expiration date of the passport.

Box 6: Enter surname/family name as it appears on the biography page of the passport using English characters. Letters é, è, Û, ç etc... are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Sémonin and Eugène as Semonin and Eugene.

Box 7: Enter first name/given name as it appears in passport, in English.

Box 8: Enter any other surname/family name you currently use or have used in the past.

Box 9: Enter any other first name/given name that you currently use or have used in the past.

Box 10: Enter your date of birth in day-month-year format (example: August 13, 2009 as 13-AUG-2009).

Box 11: Enter place of birth city, country, and state/province.

Box 12: Enter your nationality as indicated on the biography page of your passport.

Box 13: Select your gender.

Box 14: Enter the national identification number, if any, as stated in passport.

Box 15: Enter the address of where you are **currently** living.

Box 16: Enter the required telephone numbers.

Box 17: Indicated your marital status. “Common-law” relationships are not considered a marriage for the purpose of answering this question.

Box 18: Enter your spouse's full name (given names and surname).

Box 19: Enter your spouse's date of birth in day-month-year format.

Box 20: Enter the name and address of your present employer or school.

Box 21: Enter your current occupation.

Box 22: Enter the date you plan to arrive in the United States.

Box 23: Enter your e-mail address. This is the preferred method of correspondence in the event that additional processing is required on your visa application.

Box 24: Provide the address of where you will be staying while in the United States.

Box 25: Provide the name and telephone numbers of the person you will be staying with in the United States.

Box 26: Enter the amount of time you intend to stay in the United States.

Box 27: Enter the purpose of your trip, such as "tourism" or "temporary employment".

Box 28: State who will pay for your trip, such as yourself or the company you work for.

Box 29: State whether you have ever been to the United States. If yes, state when you visited the U.S. and how long you stayed.

Box 30: State whether you have ever been issued a visa by the United States. If yes, state when the visa was issued, where the visa was issued, and what type of visa you received.

Box 31: State whether you have ever been refused a U.S. visa. If yes, state when you were refused the visa, where you applied for the visa, and what type of visa you applied for.

Box 32: State whether you intend to work while in the United States. If yes, state the name of the employer and provide your employer's **complete** address.

Box 33: State whether you intend to study while in the United States. If yes, state the name and **complete** address of the school where you intend to study.

Box 34: Enter the full names of the person(s) you will be traveling with and state their relationship to you. Example: "John Smith, spouse" or "Fatima Khan, friend"

Box 35: State whether your U.S. visa has ever been cancelled or revoked prior to the expiration date of the visa.

Box 36: State whether anyone has ever filed an Immigrant Visa Petition on your behalf. If yes, state who filed the petition.

Box 37: State whether any of the persons listed are a) visiting, working, or studying in the United States, b) living in the as Lawful Permanent Residents or “Green Card”, or c) U.S. Citizens. If you answered yes for any of the persons listed, state your relative’s status in the U.S., not his or her name.

Box 38: Answer yes or no to **all** of the questions. If you answer yes to any of the questions, please bring any documentation regarding the event with you to the interview.

- *Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty or other similar legal action?* * You **must** answer **yes** even if you have been granted a pardon by the Canadian authorities and/or had your records expunged. Bring any court documents or other documentation regarding the event with you to the interview.
- If you have been detained by the police or had your fingerprints taken by the police for **any** reason, you must inform the interviewing officer and provide any documentation regarding the event.
- *Have you ever been refused admission to the U.S.,....?* * You **must** answer **yes** if you have ever been refused admission to the U.S. in order to establish your Canadian immigration status (“flagpole”).
- *Have you ever violated the terms of a U.S. visa, or been unlawfully present in, or deported from, the United States?* * You **must** answer **yes** if you have ever remained in the United States longer than authorized.

Box 39: Select yes or no if anyone completed the application on your behalf.

Box 40: If you answered yes in Box 39, have the person completing the application provide their name, address, and relationship to you. They **must** sign and date the application.

Box 41: You **must** sign and date the application.